

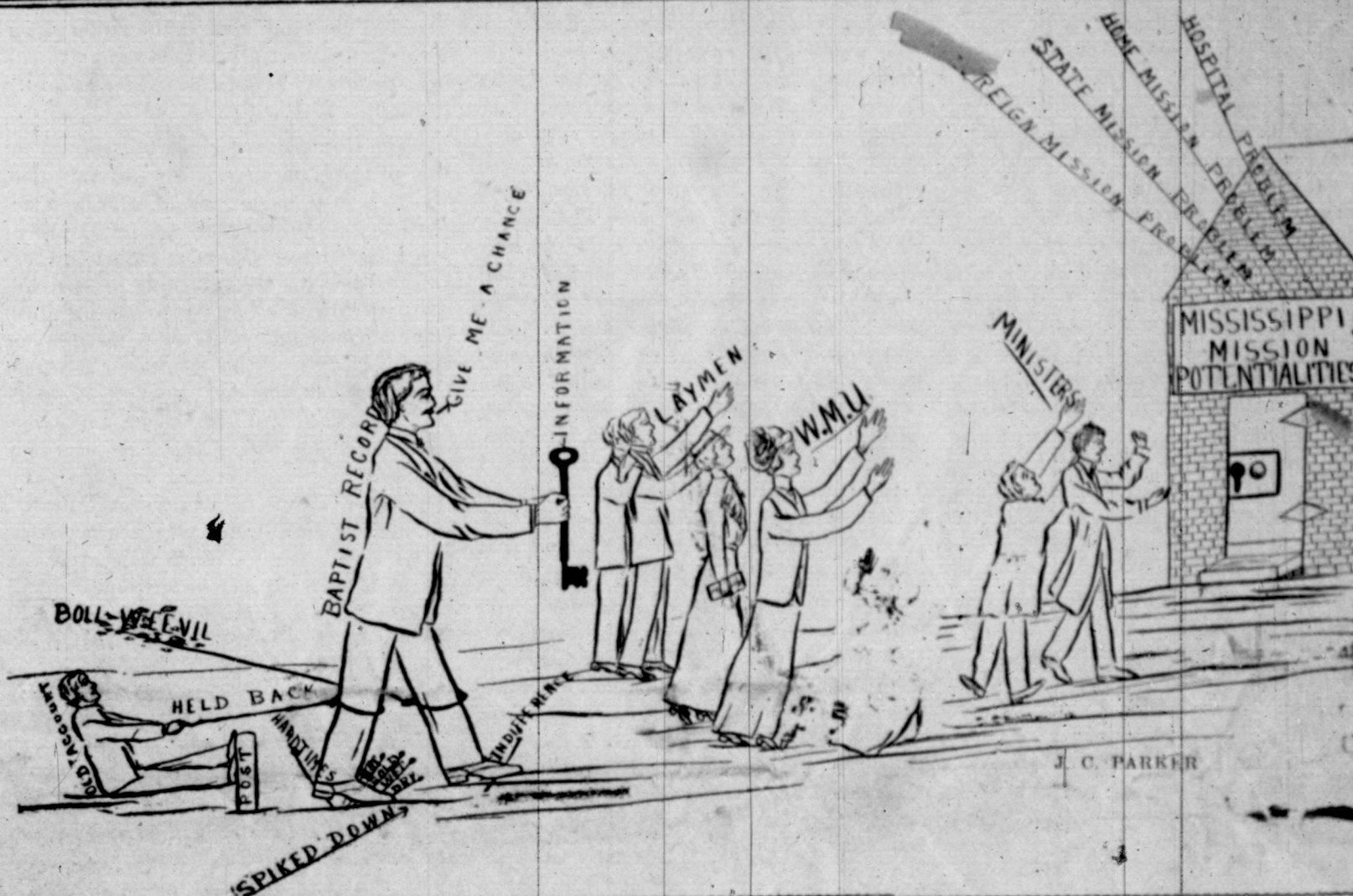
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## Kingdom Briefs.

A good delegation will go to the Convention from Mississippi. The special coach from Jackson by the I. C. Railroad will leave at 1:40 p. m. Monday. This is a little earlier than the trains have been leaving Jackson for Memphis. Those from other roads coming through Jackson will have to arrive in the morning and not wait till afternoon. Special sleepers have been provided by the Rock Island out of Memphis. If you have not secured a berth, send your name and the money at once—\$3.00 for lower, or \$2.40 for upper.

Saturday, the eleventh, is labor day for the Orphanage. Count out what your day's labor is worth and send the amount to J. R. Carter, Baptist Orphanage. In this way it is hoped that enough will be realized to prevent borrowing money to take care of the orphan children during the summer. A little from everybody will easily make it. Recently a letter came to the Jackson postoffice addressed to the "Manager of Jackson." The postmaster sent it to Brother Carter. He knew who is who in Jackson and why.

speaks for itself. It was drawn by the Business Manager who is the wheel with eyes. One of the eyes is that of a draughtsman. He has the conviction profoundly at heart that The Baptist Record will hasten the coming of the kingdom by forwarding the mission work and all the benevolent work of the denomination. We are rapidly overcoming the hindrances and propose to make the paper a feeder to the full Christian life and activity.

Among the teachers selected for the State Normal College at Hattiesburg are J. N. McMillin, W. I. Thames, T. P. Scott, Arthur Hays, secretary, W. F. Bond, and Miss Elise Timberlake. If the rest of them are like these they will make a good beginning next September.

It was the editor's privilege to preach the commencement sermon for Cooper Institute at Daleville last Sunday. This is a school in the country that has built about it a fine citizenship and now has a fine faculty and student body. Prof. Sharborough is the principal.

We were sorry to miss a visit from Dr. W. F. Ashley, of Shaw, whose family had

come to "higher ground" since the levee broke.

Two cities are understood to be asking for the Southern Baptist Convention next year—Asheville, N. C., and San Antonio, Texas. Now is their time to make the best bids possible. Either one will do us.

The mission offerings in Mississippi were beyond the expectations of many. Secretary Rowe worked very hard and is now rejoicing. The vice-presidents, Trotter and Borum, did valiant service and have proven themselves capable in leadership. The associational vice-presidents have done the best work of their lives and pastors and churches have done better as we believe, than in any state in the Convention under many adverse conditions. Praise the Lord for such men and women, for these have been an example and inspiration.

Dr. and Mrs. Rosamond, at West, have shown the Baptist Record man most courteous attention in his effort to enlarge the circulation of the paper in their community. Brother Didlake can't say too much for these hospitable people.

The illustration on the first page this week



## CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES

## SERMON SECTION

## Turning Back.

J. H. Jones, D. D., New York.  
The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle."—1st Sam. 17:51.  
"turned back in the day of battle." And such cowardly withdrawal always and everywhere excites confusion and contempt. To be heroic when there is no danger about, to be victorious when there are no foes, to be "all there" on the sunny parade-ground, and "all waiting" in the grim field, to turn back in the day of battle is to stain the honor with indelible shame. And the contempt for such conduct is all the deeper when such cowards are well-armed, and have all the material equipment for the most arduous enterprise. There may be excuse for men who have no armaments, but there is none for the men who have every implement of war except the warrior's spirit. "Arms and the man I sing," says Vergil in the first line of the Aeneid, but if "the man" he sing a semblance of a man the arms only intensify our opinion. "You cannot fight the French with 200,000 red uniforms," was one of Thomas Carlyle's caustic sayings; "there must be men inside them." Well, these children of Ephraim were armed and carrying bows, and as John Calvin remarks, "it is an additional stigma to represent such as were armed with weapons to wound their enemies at a distance as fleeing through fear," and turning back in the day of battle.

It is not only in material warfare that the shameful withdrawals and retreats occur. They deserve campaigns of an even more sacred order. They are found in the quiet, lonely, unfrequented road of individual duty and obligation. There are multitudes of men who walk that road, with an air of serenity and well-earned contentment, as long as the birds are singing in the branches, and the day is open, and the days are like the summer light which never changes into gloom, and on every side stretch the lily-lanes of unbroken peace. In such engaging circumstances duty is a recreation and delight. But let the bird-song die away, let the sky be overcast, let the road be hemmed up and the fair prospect be blotted out, let the highway become a narrow defile, and let a pollyon with drawn sword straddle across the entire breadth of the way, and are there not multitudes who, like Timorous and distrustful, decline the fight and seek their safety in turning back in the day of battle? Personal honor is all very well when it can be worn at a glorie, but the price is too high when it demands the shedding of blood!

Similar retreats can be witnessed in the strenuous ways of social enterprise. It is easy to be a social crusader when the streets are draped with bunting, and the flags are

lying, and the bands are playing, and the sunny favor of prosperity is shining upon the cause. It is amazing, and half-amusing—and there is an office for the old court jester, almost a corner for the modern cynic—to notice what multitudes of friends the Salvation Army has won to itself since the Queen invited General Booth to Buckingham Palace and to Windsor Castle! In civic honor and national good-will, the Army is now enjoying a "glorious summer," but well I remember a "winter of discontent," when its circumstances were grim and somber, and its friends were feeble and few. But the real friends of any cause are revealed and known when its adversities are widespread and clamant. It is when a cause passes into the chilly, chilling season of unpopularity, it is when difficulties thicken about it, it is when the waters in which the heavy barge is to be drawn become filled with the obstructive reeds and rushes, as resistant as cords of steel, it is then we discover the friends of a movement, and it is then that so many turn away.

It is not otherwise in the obscure and quiet fields of spiritual service. There were many disciples who were quite willing to be at the side of the Master in the days when the streets were crowded with sympathetic multitudes, and palm branches were waved as banners of triumph and the air was rent with the cries of "Hosannah!" and "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." But when the Lord began to speak of coming opposition, and the approach of suffering and death, and when palm branches changed to staves, and jubilant hosannas to low mutterings of malice and conspiracy, when Calvary loomed in sight, "from that hour many of his disciples turned back, and went no more with him."

And so I think it will be best for us not to point the finger at one another, but rather to confess honestly that our natural inclination is to shrink from difficulties, and to have little or nothing to do with forlorn hopes, and to turn back in the day of battle. But let me ask you to look at these inclinations in the light of one or two great principles, and to mark what we lose by such retreats.

Here, then, is the first principle I offer for your acceptance. "To call out effort is as great a service to a man as to satisfy a want." Indeed I would go so far as to say that a ministry which does not encourage and elicit effort is not an agent of growth but of decay. We recognize this principle in the fields of education. It is now a general axiom that it is one thing to inform, and quite another thing to educate, one thing to cram, another thing to educe. A child's mind is not an empty bag which the teacher is to fill with as miscellaneous a burden as the crowded contents of a boy's pocket. A child's mind is a mysterious bundle of latent

and delicate powers, and to educate is to allure these powers, to entice them into effort in order that by the effort the mind may make acquisition for itself of things that are worth possession. I really serve a child when I elicit the effort of the child, and the wise graduation of the effort is the primary secret of successful teaching. Now we elicit effort by presenting difficulty, and difficulty gripped and conquered marks a proportionate increase in positive strength. And therefore do I say that in the realm of education this principle is followed, "to call out effort is as great a service as to satisfy a want."

Well, why not recognize the activity of this principle in the ministry of salvation, which is just the process of education applied to the spiritual interests of the race? When the Great Teacher, or Father in heaven, purposes the strengthening of His children, He elicits effort by presenting difficulty. Our inducements come through our strivings. "Work out your own salvation . . . for it is God that worketh in you." And so, you see, God's precious bounty sometimes falls upon man in the shape of a burden or a task. We prayed for power, and the answer came in the increase of difficulty, but in the enlarged difficulty was imprisoned the very power for which we prayed. Let our souls increase their effort, and it shall be as an "open sesame" which shall cleave the difficulty in twain, and the vital treasure shall be ours. And thus it happens that if we turn back in the day of battle, if we shrink from difficulty and shirk the task just where it becomes stiff, we are ignoring one of the great principles of moral and spiritual growth, and in retreating from the difficulty we are renouncing our very possibility of higher and richer life. In these spheres, at any rate, the line of retreat is always toward impoverishment and death.

Let me offer you a second principle, in the light of which we may be able to interpret the seriousness of these retreats. Here it is: "Life is first a sacrifice, and then a miracle." We too often seek to reverse the statement, but the inverse is not true. Not first a miracle and then a sacrifice, but first the sacrifice and then the miracle! And yet many of us are wanting the miracle before the sacrifice has begun, and in so wanting we are asking for a violation of the divine purpose and order. Miracles never happen in the lotus-land. Where life is careless and easy, miracles never occur. When the church is listless wonders cease. But when the crimson stain is on the road, when there are blood marks on the path, when life becomes sacrificial and life is given away when men and women dare and risk for truth and God, then wonders begin, and great and glorious happenings stagger the wondering hearts of men. Was it not so in the apostolic days? You cannot turn to any page which tells the story of those wonderful days without seeing the red marks of constant and splendid sacrifice. And the consequence is that "the acts of the apostles" are accompanied by the acts of the Spirit, and multitudes of men and women were mightily constrained into the love and

fellowship of the Lord Jesus Christ. And I for one will accept no other distinction between the apostolic church and our own. "Not one promise has been revoked." Not one power has been withdrawn. If we repeat the sacrifice we shall repeat the wonders, and the work of the Lord will be glorified. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life!" But if when crises confront us which demand sacrifice we turn our backs and retreat, we turn our backs upon miracles, and our church life and enterprise become a dull and unawakening commonplace. "Life is first a sacrifice, and then a miracle."

And the third principle, closely allied to the others, is this, that "the church of Christ lives by the achievement of that which is impossible." The church of Christ is not intended to busy herself in services which anybody else can do. We are to be distinguished by our engagement with the impossible, changing the leopard's skin, transforming beasts into angels, getting rich men into the kingdom, converting armed peoples into brotherhoods, and proclaiming the evangel of grace into the ears and hearts of every being throughout the race. The church is not to spend her strength in trifles, or if in trifles, only because she sees the trifle no trifle, but a kinsman of the Infinite, and she holds the one for the sake of the other. Yes, the church lives for impossibles, and she lives by impossibles, and if she shrinks from impossibles her own vigor will shrink and die. That has ever been the characteristic of the church's history. When she has run about concerned with trifles she has become anemic; when she has attempted the impossible she has been gloriously alive and influential. When the church has faith and consecration enough to come to grips with impossibles, she will by her very fervor change the temperature of the world. If the Lord puts before the church some gigantic task, some impossible, some towering Matterhorn of difficulty, and she turns away from it, she turns away from the very springs by which she lives, and by which alone she gains distinction, and she will lose herself in the rank and file of multitudinous societies and clubs which make no profession to bear the blood-red banner of our Lord.

Now, mark. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature!" An impossible! And some are calling for retreat! Yes, and the retreat has begun. I admit the difficulty: Yes, the task is great, but I proclaim the glory. Admit the gigantic task, and then hear our principles again. "To call out effort is as great a service to man as to gratify a want." "Life is first a sacrifice and then a miracle." "The church of Christ lives by the achievement of that which is impossible." How stands it then with this sound of retreat? What are the marching orders of "the Captain of our salvation!" Just this: "Go!" For many of us that word settles the matter. I remember that when we were discussing our proposed Institute at Digbeth, and when I am afraid a somewhat heavy depression reigned even over the diaconate, one of our deacons threw this burning word into the

gloom, "Let me be persuaded that it is the will of the Lord, and I don't care if it cost us £20,000, or even £25,000, it can be done!" That is the tone in which great enterprises are born and sustained. Is it the Lord's will? And in regard to work across the seas, the word is clear—here are the orders: "Go!"

But is the execution of the orders beyond our resources? That is a reasonable question, but is that the way of the Lord, to give an order that cannot be obeyed? Does He make our souls to thirst and hold the water beyond our reach? Does He command us to a task and then absent Himself? You know that is not the way of the Captain. He is on the field before us. He anticipates our coming, "all things are ready," and our spiritual resources are fully efficient and complete. How, then, is it with our material resources? Have we reached the limit? Are all the friends of Christ giving all they might and all they can to the evangelization of the world? Are all the friends of Christ at the end of their resources, and if the Lord were here today could we honestly answer Him face to face and say, "I am doing all I can for thee?" There is something wrong if a follower of Christ spends as much on one concert, or on one visit to a theatre, as he gives to the work of the foreign field for the entire year. I can not think that can be right, and there is surely some need of revision. The simple fact of the matter is this, if we all gave just as we are competent to give there would be no need to retreat, and therefore the only significance of retreat will be treachery to the Lord who laid down His life for His friends.

Well, then, I ask the serious question, Shall the retreat continue, or shall we turn again to the battle? It is a stiff task, but again I say, glory awaits us in its very severity.

You remember that fine story that came to us from Messina the other day, of the splendid heroism of the crew of the *Afonwen*, a coaling steamer from the Welsh coast. The crew landed at Messina after the terrible earthquake. The captain saw two little children crouched on the top balcony of a building eighty feet high, which had been wrenched from its support and threatened to collapse any moment. He got the children to fasten a string to the balcony, and he fixed a ladder to it, and then turned to one of his seamen with the words, "Now then, Smith." The sailor ran up the ladder, hoisted a rope by the string, induced the children or probably one of the older inmates to fasten it to the top balcony, climbed up the face of the tottering building, and shouted when he reached it that "there was a ton of them on the building," and that he could not get them all down by himself. The captain turned to his second mate "Now then, Read," and in a few minutes Read stood by Smith's side, and together the men lowered twelve cowering creatures by the rope. And the Lord is speaking to you and me today, and with reference to this great and heroic work of saving the world—"Now then—!"

## How About the Lost Souls?

The magnificent sums we have contributed to missions is the result of well planned and well directed effort. My heart is thrilled with pride as I think of the noble people among whom I live, but should we not express our gratitude to God for our victory in a well planned and well directed effort for the lost souls about us? I mean to ask if it is necessary for us in addition to our local churches and pastors to have a mission board and a vice-president in each state to represent this board, then in addition, an associational vice-president, besides a similar organization among the women, for the best interest of missions, should we not give more attention to evangelism in Mississippi? Is money of more importance than men? Suppose we had the same organizations holding the same state and associational rallies, with the same strenuous campaigns for souls that we have had for missions, what would the result be? When did a man from each association in the State gather with a strong leader, who was well informed with the responsibility of the State's result spurring him on; a man who was able to instruct and inspire these men of God? Then when did these godly men return to their association with their hearts afire for souls, feeling responsible for the salvation of their people; calling all of the ministers of the association together, spending a day in praying and planning to reach every church for lost souls? I am in sympathy in all that has been done in organization and effort for missions in Mississippi, they have brought their rewards, but the result has revealed the possibilities along other lines that we will do well to consider. There is no other means by which we may measure the possibilities of our people than consecrated, untiring, faithful effort. The depth has never been fathomed; neither do we know the number of souls that God is willing to save through us until we put forth the same faithful effort. It yet remains to be seen what a whole souled Statewide effort will mean in the salvation of men. Is there any argument that will hold in favor of giving the pastors assistance and in some cases pushing the cause of missions, or organizing for raising money that will not apply to souls? Why should we not have a sufficient number of able State evangelists to stir Mississippi for souls as we have for missions? While we should develop our people in every good work, yet in the last analysis the perpetuation of God's Kingdom depends on regenerated recruits.

J. C. Parker.

## Wanted—A Pastor.

Several churches in Coldwater Association, north Mississippi, are pastorless. Some of these are in villages and others are in the country. It is desired to group these into pastorates and locate a vigorous progressive pastor at most convenient point. The salary will be small to start, but the field is capable of great development and the salary will increase after this year.

I should be glad to give information to Baptist preachers who might be interested in such a proposition.  
A. T. Cinnamon  
Senatobia, Miss.



Faithfully yours,  
Walton E. Lee



## MISSION SECTION

### From Mexico.

Very naturally the brethren in the homeland wish to know how things are moving in Mexico. When our country work has been paralyzed by the war, and most of our schools stopped, in the cities there are "signs of promise." Rev. Ernesto Barocio, one of the pastors in Monterey, writes me the following: "Our work here is receiving great blessings from the Lord. We have a good number of candidates that are being instructed in order to be baptized soon. Last Sunday three were baptized, and five more presented as candidates."

In speaking of the fifth Sunday meeting, then a session at Saltillo, Miss Ida Hays says: "The services are being well attended and four persons have asked for baptism. Quite a number of people here thought we should close school (Madero Institute) and get the girls home while there is a chance, but I do not want to do so unless forced to it."

When brethren LeSueur and Lacy closed our Theological Institute at Torreon a few weeks ago, several of the young preachers being unable to go to their distant homes, began to hold meetings in private houses in different parts of the city, having twelve to twenty meetings a week with happy results. A goodly number of new people heard the gospel and some were converted. These suburban missions are feeders to the central church of the city, which for weeks has been enjoying a continuous revival. The congregations are large and growing, and Donato Riaz, the effective native pastor, is baptizing new converts almost every Sunday.

Pastor Andres D. Rodriguez writes a most interesting news letter from Allende, near Eagle Pass for our weekly paper, "El Bautista." From it I translate the following note: "Here at Allende and in my two mission stations the congregations are growing and new people are entering from whom we hope to gather converts. We observed a week of prayer in behalf of peace, the meeting on the last day being one of unusual interest. The speakers pointed out our national sins, those of Christians as well as those of the unconverted—sins which God is chastising by means of a civil war. Selections of Scripture were read, bearing on the subject, followed by fervent prayers elevated to a throne of grace. As a result of the meetings five persons were converted and on the following Sunday they were received. Others have told me that they will take the same step at our next meeting. We are gathering souls. The revolution has not effected in the least the work on my field."

In Durango the congregations and Sunday School have been steadily growing ever since I came here four months ago. I have recently sent \$50.00 in Mexican currency from this church to the Richmond Board. We do Bible and tract work here in the city, and besides the regular meetings in the church, we hold midweek meetings in private homes in the city.

In many parts of Mexico evangelicals are holding special meetings to pray for peace.

In St. Augustine's church of this city the Catholics held a large meeting on yesterday to pray to the saints and the Virgin Mary to intercede with the Lord to close up the war. All classes of people everywhere are tired of the revolution. Planting time is upon them and they are anxious to get to work on their farms.

In many parts of the country, steam mills, factories, mining, railroad track work and construction are all paralyzed, throwing out of employment thousands of hands, who with their families, were dependent upon their daily toil for their living. Add to this the fact that the revolutionists, in many parts of the country, have used up the corn and driven off the stock, and we get some idea of the famine that is threatening the helligent sections of Mexico, and should they fail to plant this summer I do not see how they are to escape starvation.

Mexico is now in a state of moral and intellectual transition. The revolution in progress here is akin to the great movement in Russia and in other parts of the world to give the common people liberty. The fetters, forged by Roman Catholic priests and princes during the dark ages, are being broken off. The days of the inquisition have passed, the world moves and the different nations of earth are catching step. Everywhere people are clamoring for individual rights and personal liberty, principles which Catholics have ever denounced and which Baptists have everywhere and always advocated. The spirit and letter of this Mexican revolution is a fatal blow at that tyranny and oppression of Catholicism which have ground down this nation for four hundred years. As these people are soon to have greatly enlarged liberties, they will learn that liberty is not license, real liberty, going hand in hand with justice, must respect law. In all of her history never has Mexico needed the gospel worse or been in a better condition to receive it than now. We have here a great nation struggling toward the light, political and intellectual, but they have not the Bible or its teachings. Certainly they need the gospel which gives that "liberty wherewith Christ will make us free." My heart leaps within me at the thought of being permitted to take part in the great religious awakening which I now confidently believe is going to sweep over Mexico in the near future. May this be the set time for the good Lord to visit these ends of the earth.

J. G. Chastain.

Durango, Mexico, May, 1912.

### Concerning Home Missions.

A letter from Dr. Gray just received, announces the good word that the Home Mission Board will report to the Convention entirely free from debt.

The great strain was relieved only in the last hours. \$154,269.00 reached the Home Board office after 7 p. m. April 30th.

Mississippi's contribution to the Board was \$28,126.46. We were apportioned \$31,000.00. The gifts of our people were wonderfully large and liberal when we consider the dreadful financial distress that is now burdening in a peculiar manner our entire

State. However, Dr. Rowe reports \$3,000 more given to home missions this year than last by our churches. This is an advance over which every pastor and church in the State should be thankful to God.

Before the announcement came to us that the Board had come through the struggle triumphant, we had reason to fear both from what we learned from the Home Board office and what we knew of our own deficit, that a great debt would be reported.

For this reason Dr. Rowe and I decided to make an urgent appeal to the pastors of Mississippi to help meet our own State apportionment with a supplemental collection Sunday, May 5. He wrote the pastors and I the State vice-presidents. Doubtless many of them responded to the appeal, and will send these additional offerings to Dr. Rowe this week.

Inasmuch as the Board for the year just closed is relieved of all indebtedness, I suppose that Dr. Rowe will credit these loyal churches with their supplemental offering on the new conventional year of 1912-13.

Fraternally,

Wm. A. Borum,  
State Vice-President.

### Foreign Missions.

I desire to rejoice with the brethren and sisters over the State over our showing for foreign missions this year. The Southern Baptist Convention asked Mississippi for \$38,000.00 for that purpose. At our State Convention at Gulfport we agreed to try and make it \$40,000.00. And now the Baptists of the State come up with \$41,571.00. I am truly grateful to God for this showing. The Foreign Mission Board still has a debt of some \$60,000.00, but it is not our fault. We gave much more than was asked of us.

You may remember that the Board last year closed with a \$90,000.00 debt. So for the year just closed we paid the expenses of the Board and reduced the debt by \$30,000.00. Mississippi had a glorious part in doing this. If every state had done as well we would have no debt over our Foreign Mission Board today.

Our success is due to the faithful work of most of our associational vice-presidents, the earnest concern and labors of so many pastors, and the hearty response of the churches.

The Lord's blessings be upon all who did their duty.

Let us have for our motto next year: "A contribution from every church for foreign missions." If we can only get a contribution from every church we will roll up \$45,000.00 for foreign missions next year. Let us work and pray and plan to get every church enlisted in worldwide evangelization.

With a grateful heart,

I. P. Trotter, V. P.

Hattiesburg, May 3, 1912.

The first conversion in Europe was at a prayer meeting, the second was in a street meeting and the third was the result of a prayer meeting. See the account of it in the sixteenth chapter of Acts. If there were more prayer meetings, there would be more conversions.

Thursday, May 9, 1912.

Readers of The Baptist Record:

When Malachi wrote "they that feared the Lord spake often one to another," he did not except the timorous, or the weak and small, or forbid that any, "out of the abundance of the heart," should speak or write. And surely pardonable may be an impulse to write a few simple thoughts on a subject of which the importance is felt to be supreme. Would that they were new thoughts and strong thoughts to impel to the study and practice of a Christian duty of such transcendent moment as to involve the prime issues of the destiny of man. The subject is

### Scriptural Giving.

And this same Malachi, and all his confederates, from Abel to Paul, concur in proclaiming God's will and his way to bring heaven to earth and earth to heaven. His will and His way are that His people shall work and speak and give. They may work, they may speak within very narrow bounds, but the field of the giver is as wide as the world. The calls from this field are many and loud; and the Christian who chooses not to hear them dishonors the Lord, dwarfs his own spirit, and is a sharer with many other Christians in the sin, the monstrous sin, of having retarded by centuries the evangelization of the world.

Pay that thou owest is an appeal to common honesty; certainly applying to the debt that is first and greatest, and a problem of problems is the apathy of the once quickened conscience whereby many, many Christians who are otherwise and elsewhere debt-paying people are contented to pay ready tribute to the world's "powers that be," while withholding his very own from the Lord of earth and heaven.

Shall we give a tenth? From the dawn of their history the Lord commanded and accepted and approved and rewarded the tithes of the ancient Jews; and whether or not "thus saith the Lord" to any later peoples, who will aver that the law of the tenth has ever been repealed? Only infrequently did the Lord upon earth even allude to it; once with more than implied approval; a few times, as a law and a custom already in existence, recognized, unquestioned; but never at any time with even a suggestion of adverse comment or criticism. The Bible all through teaches proportionate giving; and even if man might appoint terms with his Maker, surely a tenth of his own would not be an overshare, but a very safe minimum to be apportioned to the possessor and ruler and disposer of his whole creation. But to the seeker for a sign "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts!" and the eager, honest doubter may satisfy himself with the argument of experience, whether this be the way; for when did any willing, worshipful giver of the tenth ever exchange his system for another that was better?

One reason more. Were all to give a tenth, the Lord's treasury would overflow; and there could be no reason imaginable to substitute plans of men for the ways of the Lord. The church fair and the church festival would cease to exist, and the world's commercialism would not invade the kingdom of heaven. Men would give, and

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would teach others to give, unconditionally; and women, devoted women, would truly serve the Lord and His creatures by realizing that to give for an equivalent is to give not at all; that to induce the unthinking, the unreasoning, the unknowing, to purchase a self-indulgence under the guise of giving to the Lord is to deny him development in the Christian grace of giving; while robbing him of the sweet paradox of the blessedness of self-denial. Alas for love's mistakes! Alas that Christians should so wrong the world! When we shall turn from the inventions of men, and shall give and teach others to give from love, and love alone liberally, dutifully, as commanded by Malachi; worshipfully, statedly, as enjoined by Paul; unselfishly, wholeheartedly, Scripturally, according to both; then, and not till then, may we pray confidently that God's kingdom may come, and His will be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

W. R. Washington.

### Denominationalism and the Religious Movements.

Victor I. Masters.

The limited enthusiasm and liberality with which some of our churches and givers are coming to respond to the distressing needs that every year confront each of our denominational mission boards, is in part a result of the increasing number of extra-denominational religious movements.

When too many generals are giving orders, the private soldiers become confused. The appeals of the established agencies of the denomination to the churches to carry on its appointed work often fall on listless ears because those ears have become attuned to the novel appeals of the expert makers of appeals from the outside. These extra-denominational speakers and organizers come with such plans for progress as seem good to them, and set them forth with adroitness, the spice of novelty and the eclat of a breadth that is divorced from all of the "narrowness" of "sectarianism."

The experts do not habitually say much about this narrowness, when they intimate a local campaign. In fact their success depends upon the people saved and trained for service by these same sectaries. The movements, while they propose to commit members of denominations who follow them to the support of their own plans and ideals are absolutely dependent for success upon the men and women who are already committed to support and work for their own denominational agencies for social and individual salvation.

It is beginning to emerge that the success of these sundry religious movements means the sapping of the spirit of denominational solidarity and loyalty and the impoverishment of the agencies of the denominations for missionary and other benevolent activities. It has already come to the point in the North that these extra-denominational agencies are openly declaring their purpose to destroy the integrity of denominational Christian life, and in many denominational publications in that section we have seen articles deploring the shunting of the denom-

ination's money from denominational activities to the undenominational activities.

As I have remarked, the success of these movements depend very largely upon their securing the support and active participation of the very workers who have been trained by and were devoted to the work of their own denominational bodies. In the old story of the American frontier, the husband, whose militant spouse had with the axe set brain on the run, emerged from the loft and declared, "Me and Betsy whipped the bar!" As related to the denominations, these movements remind us of this husband, except that in their new-born zeal they seem to forget to mention Betsy. While they appropriate Betsy's strength they declare in effect that the "bear fight" is just now really beginning, with the congeries of experts in charge.

The Christian denominations do not lack for great programs or for idealism or for alert leaders. But their programs involve leading the whole spiritual body to the greatest good in meeting the needs of the greatest number. Depending upon the whole body, they must necessarily move slowly. Having to supply the greatest needs of the greatest number, they cannot, by the concentration of all their forces on some special problem of the hour, gain the applause of the unthinking.

What this plan of making haste slowly lacks in spectacular appeal, it makes up in sanity and permanency. Character-building, nation-saving and world-winning are not spectacular things and they will never be accomplished by the abundance of expert human wisdom. While the slowness of the progress of the Christian denominations in Christian service is their reproach, yet for the most part they have in their ongoing followed the leadership of the Spirit of God, rather than the expert wisdom of men and therefore their work will stand the test of time.

On general principles, as well as by the proven favor of God, upon the quiet but genuine progress of our denominations in world-winning, we ought to examine closely every expert scheme for bringing the Kingdom that depends for its success upon the spectacular and the applause of the world. Expert wisdom is good; for it there is a use. But we are suspicious of human experts that seek to organize their army for social and world salvation by ignoring and virtually seeking to discredit and disorganize those agencies that carry the stamp of God's approval upon them in that they have inspired through all the years every force that has wrought for the uplift of men.

We have no quarrel with the experts, though we speak thus. We rejoice in all the real good that they may accomplish. But if the success of their plans which they inject into the religious bodies of a community without stopping to take account of the intra-denominational plans and exigencies and responsibilities to which the people are already committed, means that the members of each of these bodies is to be so engaged in executing the plans of the extra-denominational experts that they shall neglect the



work of their own denomination, the loss of genuine religious progress will outweigh by far the advantages of expert idealism and stimulation.

General the movements have sought to centralize the cities in the thought that new ideas radiate from city to country, just as new roads converge from country to city. But many urban religious plans are not workable in the country and the needs differ. Whatever success undenominational agencies may have in getting control of the religious activities in the cities, encouraged by the comparative coolness of the spirit of denominational loyalty in the cities, it will be a long time before they will get a similar control of the rural districts of the South, for eighty per cent of our Southern people live in the country and a still larger per cent of the Southern Baptists.

It suggests that there is danger that the success of these extra-denominational agencies in their acclaimed effort to lead the denominations into union, would mean the breaking up of the unity that now exists in the denominations themselves. However, we should not expect a contingency of this character to disturb the equanimity of that happy of extra-denominational propagandists who have coolly set for themselves the task of leading the Christian denominations that they may for them to serve society is to have these leaders show them how, or turn over their leadership to the experts.

We are glad to get light from all sources and we do not doubt that there is need for Christian workers aside from denominational alliances, but we decline to commit ourselves to the leadership of men whose method of showing that they know more than others the mind of the Spirit of God is to sneer and discount as "narrow" and "sectarian" such conscientious members of the churches of Christ as to scripture teaching, as do not lead themselves to the bringing about of a general outward religious conformity.

We sympathize with most of the advertising purposes of these movements. But we do not take kindly to their disregard of the cities and plans of Christian denominations that were rendering to society its best service long before these modern movements were ever dreamed of. And we do not believe it is wise to encourage people to tie up to an idealism that has nobody of its through which to express itself, when they already have the idealism of Christ-expressing itself through approved agencies, to develop which the best men of the nation have labored for generations.

Some Mission Rooms, Atlanta, Ga.

A short visit from Prof. A. J. Aven on Monday morning was very much appreciated. He was returning from a fine meeting of the Laymen's Missionary Committee with the Baptists of Anding on Sunday. The speakers were in their order, Prof. Aven, Dr. George Leavelle, Prof. D. M. Nelson and Dr. D. Bostick, and the meeting extended over a large part of the day. The attendance was large and the abundant dinner on the

ground enlivened the noon hour. Interest in missions is now on a boom at Anding.

#### Going Down into Ethiopia.

At midnight on the fifth of April the Beulow slips out of the bay at Naples and swings down through the straits of Sicily, and out into the Mediterranean bound for Alexandria. On awaking in the morning the passengers find themselves upon the waters so historic since before the time of Paul. One of them leans over the rail and peers down into their wonderful depths of blue, meditating on the happenings here in the ages past among the sons of men as they sailed these waters in their little barks such as we are passing now, when suddenly a hoarse blast goes up from the throat of the Beulow. We rush to the forward decks and behold Prinz Heinrich, a twin ship to ours, steaming up alongside her, who with flying colors and martial strains of music salutes her while our band picks up the chords and flings the salutation back. There is no sensation so thrilling, no finer sight to be seen, than when two ships salute each other out on the great high seas.

Three days later we enter the bay of Alexandria thinking of another ship which sailed out of this port long ago, bearing the sign "Castor and Pollux" destined to carry a brave servant of the Lord bound in shackles for Rome. After a few profitable hours in this city, named for one of the greatest conquerors the world has ever known, we board the train for Cairo, one hundred and thirty miles up the Nile, the most fertile valley in the world. Three thousand years ago and more Pharaoh said unto Joseph, "Say unto thy brethren, take your father and your households and come unto me \* \* \* for the good of all the land of Egypt is yours. And Joseph made ready his chariot and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen, and he fell on his neck and wept a long while." One can scarce restrain the tears as he thinks on these things, even though the green fields smile and the stately palms wave as far as the eye can see.

Cairo is the largest city on the continent of Africa, with a population approaching a million people gathered from all the ends of the earth. Perhaps there is no other city on earth save New York, in which more languages are spoken. One stands astounded to see these Ethiopian porters and hackmen switch glibly from one language to another, speaking five or six fluently. What a rebuke is this to the average American who speaks but one language sometimes badly and feels that all the world should speak his tongue if he expects to hold communication with His Highness. Fortunately for him, however, he can find English spoken everywhere, and may travel with ease and pleasure the world over.

Among the many interesting things to be seen in and around Cairo is its wonderful museum showing the treasures of Egypt far back to the days when she was the most learned nation on earth; the bazaars reflecting the daily life and gay costumes of the people; the Gizeh Zoological gardens; the

tombs of the Kalips; monuments and obelisks grown brown with age; but the most wonderful of all are the great pyramids, standing like lone sentinels on the dry sands of the desert just beyond the valley of the Nile, monuments to the genius of men who lived nearly four thousand years ago. The Sphinx hewn from a natural rock, representing a crouching lion with a human head, has a body one hundred and fifty feet long while its paws alone measure fifty feet. The great pyramid, seven hundred and seventy-five feet square at its base, rises to a height of four hundred and seventy-five feet. Herodotus states that it took one hundred thousand men twenty years to build it. No wonder it has stood through all these ages!

Nevertheless, this traveler was glad to get out of Egypt. Oh, the wickedness within her cities! Filth, disease, corruption and licentiousness hold high carnival. One sees why they merited even more than the plagues God sent upon them centuries ago. But how could it be otherwise? The Khedive himself, who were told, had thirty or forty wives. Polygamy is almost universally practiced, and the seaport towns are known as the "vilest holes on earth."

From Port Said we fetched a straight compass to Joppa passing in view of Gaza in the early morning. Climbing down from the ship our tenders passed us safely through the reefs and we set our feet on the shore of Palestine. Through all the morning little companies could be seen going here and there, visiting the traditional house of Simon the tanner, the home of Tabitha, and driving through the orange groves. In the afternoon our train pulled out across the plains of Sharon, beautiful beyond description and climbed slowly up the Judean hills which seemed to clasp their very hands with delight. It is a marvelous land. This writer sat by the window, his mind filled with wonder and sacred meditation as he looked on the scenes made sacred by the Lord's people from time immemorial. Just as the sun was dipping down into the sea beyond the western hills, our train slowed up at the station to the south of the ancient wall, and our eyes beheld for the first time Mt. Zion! Can it be true? Has the time come at last? Oh, wonderful city of God! We will enter into thy gates, oh, Jerusalem, with thanksgiving and into thy courts with praise!

R. W. Hooker.

Jerusalem, April 14, 1912.

#### Mt. Olive.

The program committee for the South Mississippi Encampment and Dr. Ray of the Foreign Mission Board have asked me to conduct a class in mission study each day during the encampment. We will use Dr. Ray's book, "Southern Baptist Foreign Missions." The price is fifty cents, and can be had from The Baptist Record office, Jackson, Miss. Please order the book right away, as you will want to read and study it before the encampment meets.

The place is at Hattiesburg, Miss.

The dates are June 23rd to 30th.

The book: "Southern Baptist Foreign Missions."

Zeno Wall.

## Blood Humors

Commonly cause pimples, boils, hives, eczema or salt rheum, or some other form of eruption; but sometimes they exist in the system, indicated by feelings of weakness, languor, loss of appetite, or general debility, without causing any breaking out.

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#### "Seventh Day Adventism Renounced."

This is the name of a book written by D. M. Canright, and published by Fleming H. Revell, Chicago.

For more than twenty-five years the author held membership with the Adventists, and was a leading light among them, and championed their cause in several debates. He gave up this cult and joined the Baptists and became pastor of the Baptist church at Grand Rapids, Michigan. It is the most helpful book I have ever read in a good while. It thoroughly thrashes out the Seventh-Day Sabbath question, besides treating in a helpful way, other important Bible doctrines which have been perverted by these people. The Standard, Chicago, says of the book: "A strong and vigorous book on the Seventh-Dayism, the best thing published on this subject."

The Texas Baptist and Herald says: "The book certainly surpasses in clearness, strength and adaptability to do the best work, any other book which has appeared from the press, on the Sabbath question, and against Seventh Day Adventism."

The California Christian Advocate says: "There is no other book in the market that can possibly fill its place."

The author says: "Though my book has had a wide sale, the Adventists have ventured no answer to it."

Brother pastor, if you are having any trouble with this growing heresy, among the members of your church, get this book and you will have a remedy for it. In some sections the agents of Adventism are literally sowing down the country with their pernicious literature.

H. W. Rockett.

Sallis, Miss.

#### Not an Experiment.

Paint Lick, Ky.—Mrs. Mary Freeman, of this place, says: "Before I commenced to take Cardui, I suffered so much from womanly trouble! I was so weak that I was down on my back nearly all the time. Cardui has done me more good than any medicine I ever took in my life. I can't possibly praise it too highly. You need not be afraid to take Cardui. It is no new experiment. For fifty years it has been found to relieve headache, backache, and similar womanly troubles. Composed of gentle-acting, herb ingredients, Cardui builds up the strength, preventing much unnecessary pain. Try it for your troubles today."

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Dear Brother Lipsey:

I want to thank the kind friends who came to me and mine when the shadows had fallen upon us, and in such loving sympathy brought what comfort they could to us.

I also want to express my appreciation of the many kind letters received expressing sympathy for us.

May the Lord bless each of you dear friends, and keep us all close to Him who doeth all things well.

R. Drummond.

Brookhaven.

Dear Brother Lipsey:

We closed our meeting Wednesday night in a high tide of great blessing from God and happy rejoicings of our people. Many souls were saved and the whole church awakened and stirred to a new degree of spiritual zeal and joyful service. About sixty were added to the church, thirty-seven by baptism. L. avell preached in power and Scholfield sang tenderly and sweetly and led our congregations in mighty volumes of song. The Lord be praised.

Yours fraternally,  
Green-Panner.

W. H. Morgan.

#### Central All-Day Mission Campaign.

The meeting at Madison Monday was postponed on account of pressure of the strawberry business. Fine meetings were held Monday and Tuesday evenings at Terry. Tuesday a splendid crowd was present at Bethesda, and on Wednesday a good

meeting was held at Palestine. Raymond entertained the campaign on Wednesday evening and Thursday. Two night meetings were held at Learned and on Friday a good crowd gathered at Salem. The Saturday meeting was held at Chapel Hill and the Sunday meeting at Utica. At Terry, Bethesda, Palestine and Raymond the weekly or monthly plan of giving was unanimously adopted.

Dr. Leavell presented the plan at Utica Sunday evening and I hope it was adopted. Dr. Bostick came over to Clinton Sunday night and gave us a splendid lecture.

When this article appears, this campaign will have concluded at Brandon on Wednesday.

J. L. Johnson, Jr.

#### Kingston Baptist Church, Laurel.

I have been thinking for some time that I would write a few words in regard to my work at this place. I arrived on the field some four months ago, since which time I have labored earnestly to get the work well in hand. To say the least, the work is moving along nicely, and the interest is increasing daily. We have doubled on both foreign and home mission collections over last year. Besides this, we have raised a debt of five hundred dollars that has been hanging over the church. Now we are proposing to build some additional Sunday School rooms that are much needed.

The Lord is blessing us, and we are happy in His work. Pray for us. Cordially and sincerely,  
Jack Cranford.

#### My Need.

I am so glad that whilst I know what I want, God knows what I

need; and is too good not to see that I get it—whether I want it or not. Blessed be His name! Seeing this keeps me happy and thankful.

How is it with you?

Hall.

#### Martin-Valckaert.

On last Sunday afternoon, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. Bob Martin, of Meridian, and Miss Mamie Valckaert, of this place, were quietly married, Rev. Jack Cranford, officiating.

#### Mrs. N. C. Hathorn.

She was known as mother in the home and out of it. No nobler Christian spirit ever lived. No pastor ever had a better member; she never had anything too good that her pastor could not be remembered. She loved her neighbors and they loved her. She was a devoted wife, a wise and faithful mother. In her early life she gave her life to Jesus. Not only did she do her part to sustain the church, but she loved and wept and helped and prayed for all. Her motto was: "Let His will be done."

Have never seen people weep and so deeply moved as at her funeral. Her earth task seemed to be done, and so when twilight came, she looked into the faces of her noble sons and daughters, honorable every one of them, smiled her approval, then wrapped the drapery of her couch about her and lay down to pleasant dreams.

Her noble companion of nearly a half century still walks trustingly in the mellow light of a life well spent.

Goodbye, mother, but not forever.

Her pastor,

W. E. Farr.

Columbia, Miss.

A fund of \$2,500,000 has been set aside from the Rockefeller gift to the Chicago University, as a pension fund. Teachers who have been with the school fifteen years and have reached the age of sixty-five will get forty per cent of their salary and two per cent additional for each year's service over fifteen. At seventy he is retired on a regular salary.

Prof. O. J. Peterson, of the chair of Latin in Louisiana College, becomes editor of the Baptist Chronicle. The college has an enrollment of practically one hundred and fifty.

Evangelist T. T. Martin, of Blue Mountain, has written a book, entitled "God's Plan with Men." It will be on the market soon and is said to be a most excellent book.

The Northern Baptist Convention closes the year with a debt of \$17,000 for foreign missions. This makes a total indebtedness of \$78,600.

The First church, of Waco, Texas, recently made an offering of \$2,700 to foreign missions and will make it \$3,000. The Waco Baptists are great givers.

State Secretary of Missions for Tennessee, Rev. J. W. Gillon, will preach the commencement sermon for Hall-Moody Institute, Martin, Tenn. Dr. A. U. Boone of the First church, Memphis, will deliver the literary address.

## Dr. W. R. WRIGHT

### DENTIST

Cumberland Phone 325

207-8-9 Century Bldg., Jackson, Mi.

Our church at Coffeetown has just gone beyond previous records for both home and foreign missions. We have started a "flood sufferers" fund. Had best day last Sunday in my three years. Come to see us. M. J. Derrick.

## DEATHS

#### Mrs. R. Drummond.

Mrs. Amanda Drummond, daughter of Richmond and Sarah Walker, was born May 1, 1857, married to Rev. R. Drummond, March 17, 1881, and died April 14, 1912. She was baptized into the fellowship of Hebron church, Lawrence county, by Rev. J. A. Scarborough when she was only about fifteen years old, which gave her about forty years of consecrated service for her Lord before she was called to her reward. She not only served her Lord in praise and worship, but her hands were ever full of good deeds, to the extent of her strength, to those who needed help, just as her Lord did while He was on earth.

Sister Drummond was a preacher's wife in the fullest sense of the term, and it was by her willing and self-sacrificing spirit that her husband has been enabled to do the splendid work which he has done as pastor of churches, and in his noble stand for civic righteousness wherever he has gone.

Being his second wife, the rearing of his children by his first wife was very largely entrusted to her hands, a task that was so faithfully performed, that those who did not know would never suspect that she was not their real mother, and in her death these were as sorely bereaved as the two of her own which remain living, five of hers having died in infancy.

Sister Drummond had been in bad health for a number of years, but a few years ago, by virtue of the treatment of a specialist, she became very much improved, but last fall she began to decline, and in spite of all that could be done, gradually grew worse, except at times she seemed temporarily better, until the end came.

Her remains were laid to rest in the family cemetery, three miles east of Shivers, Rev. J. P. Williams and the writer conducting the services.

To all the bereaved we extend our sympathy and humbly pray for them the sustaining grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Her pastor,  
L. D. Posey.

Miss Ida Taylor, daughter of J. H. Taylor, who a few years ago went from Mississippi to Texas, is improving nicely in the Memorial Hospital at Dallas. She will soon have regained strength sufficient to return to her needed work in China.



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 (The societies of the State should send quarterly reports to Miss Mackey Lackey, but all money should be sent to A. V. Rowe, Jackson.)

### Report of Central Committee for Quarter Ending April 1, 1912.

#### HOME MISSIONS.

Aberdeen Association—Houston, \$14.75; Centerville, \$23.25; Verona, \$5.00; Winona, \$11.00; Total, \$53.95.  
 Columbia Ass'n—West Point, \$72.00; Columbus First, \$15.00; Bethesda, \$4.50; Cherry Creek, \$4.00; Total, \$95.50.  
 Childs Bay Association—Shubuta, \$25.00; Salem, \$10.00; Shubuta, \$5.00; Total, \$40.00.  
 Copiah Association—Rocky Hill, \$1.00; Gilman, \$5.00; Hazlehurst, \$80.00; Total, \$86.00.  
 Copiah Association—Canton, \$90.50; Canton, \$1.00; Yazoo City, \$15.00; Anderson, \$16.25; Bethesda, \$12.00; Canton, \$37.25; Flora, \$53.50; Jackson First, \$35.00; Terry, \$30.00; Total, \$220.00.  
 Deer Creek Association—Greenwood, \$1.16; Indianola, \$20.00; Holbrook, \$16.00; Cleveland, \$25.00; Total, \$66.16.  
 Gulf Coast Association—Gulfport, \$70.00; Biloxi, \$4.00; Gautier, \$4.40; Total, \$78.40.  
 Hazlehurst Association—Morton, \$1.00; Lake, \$22.50; Forest, \$12.16; Total, \$35.66.  
 Kossuth Association—Center, \$2.43; Hazlehurst, \$12.25; Lawrence County Association—New Hope, \$15.00.  
 Magnolia Association—Galilee, \$23.00; Centerville, \$7.50; East Fork, \$3.00; Total, \$33.50.  
 Oxford Association—Oxford, \$48.55; Bay Springs, \$3.00; Total, \$51.55.  
 Pearl Leaf Association—Collins, \$25.00; Lake, \$10.00; Total, \$35.00.  
 Strong River Association—Magee, \$37.00; Bay Springs, \$1.00; Total, \$38.00.  
 Tishomingo Association—Baldwyn, \$1.00; Corinth, \$94.75; Total, \$95.75.  
 Union Association—Mt. Pleasant, \$2.43; Union, \$1.16; Total, \$3.59.  
 Union Association—Lowrey Memorial, \$1.16.  
 Union Association—New Hope, \$7.90.  
 West Judson Association—Tupelo, \$2.00; Sherman, \$15.00; Total, \$17.00.  
 Yazoo Association—Saron, \$10.00; Beulah, \$3.00; West, \$5.00; Winona, \$14.50; Total, \$32.50.

Yalobusha Association—New Hope, \$4.50; Coffeeville, \$18.00; Mt. Paran, \$10.00; Saron, \$5.00; Total, \$37.50.  
 Monroe County Association—Hamilton, \$10.00.  
 Bogue Chitto Association—Fernwood, \$3.00.  
 Bay Springs Association—Mize, \$10.00.  
 Mt. Pisgah Association—Union, \$3.05.  
 Grand Total, \$1,331.48.

#### STATE MISSIONS.

Central Association—Jackson 1st, \$5.00; Raymond, \$1.00; Terry, \$25.50; Total, \$31.50.  
 Deer Creek Association—Greenwood, \$101.28.  
 Hopewell Association—Lake, \$15.34; Silver Creek, \$2.00; Total, \$17.34.  
 Lebanon Association—Hattiesburg 1st, \$26.50.  
 Monroe County Association—Hamilton, \$2.00.  
 Oxford Association—Oxford, \$6.00; Oxford, \$9.05; Total, \$15.05.  
 Pearl Leaf Association—Collins, \$15.00.  
 Yazoo Association—West, \$5.00.  
 Yalobusha Association—New Hope, \$2.50; Grand Total, \$216.17.

#### FRONTIER BOXES.

Central Association—Terry, \$7.00.  
 Columbus Association—West Point 1st, \$101.85.  
 Central Association—Crystal Springs, \$50.95.  
 Bogue Chitto Association—Magnolia, \$109.64.  
 Lebanon Association—Hattiesburg 1st, \$360.70; Grand Total, \$630.14.

#### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Central Association—Jackson 1st, (box to ministerial students), \$122.70; Raymond, \$5.00.  
 Copiah Association—Gallman, \$5.  
 Deer Creek Association—Greenwood, \$16.88.  
 Lebanon Association—Fairfield, \$3.00.  
 Pearl Leaf Association—Seminary, \$7.00.  
 Strong River Association—Magee, \$5.00.  
 West Judson Association—Tupelo, \$10.00.  
 Yalobusha Association—Coffeeville, \$5.00.  
 Bay Springs Association—Bay Springs, \$5.00.

Monroe County Association—Hamilton, \$12.95; Grand Total, \$175.83.  
 BIBLE FUND.  
 Central Association—Clinton, \$5; Terry, \$2.00; Flora, \$2.50; Total, \$9.50.

Lauderdale Association—Meridian 1st, \$12.00; Grand Total, \$21.50.  
 ORPHANAGE.

Bay Springs Association—Bay Springs, \$10.00; Newton 1st, (box), \$45.00; Total, \$55.00.

Bogue Chitto Association—Magnolia, \$60.00.

Central Association—Raymond (box), \$20.00; Flora, \$76.05; Total, \$156.05.

Copiah Association—Crystal Springs, (cash and box), \$73.50; Hazlehurst, (sewing, etc.), \$12.80; Total, \$86.30.

Deer Creek Association—Greenwood, \$112.42; Indianola, \$35.00; Ruleville, \$32.75; Total, \$180.17.

Chickasaw Association—Shubuta, \$5.00.

Gulf Coast Association—Biloxi, \$2.00.

Hopewell Association—Lake, \$15.34.

Lawrence County Association—New Hebron, \$5.00; White Sand, \$6.00; Total, \$11.00.

Lebanon Association—Hattiesburg 1st, \$3.00.

Monroe County Association—Hamilton, \$11.35.

Mt. Pisgah Association—Union, \$17.45.

Oxford Association—Water Valley, \$20.85; Big Springs, (sewing, etc.), \$5.90; Total, \$26.75.

Tishomingo Association—Corinth, \$7.50; Baldwin, \$3.00; Total, \$10.50.

Yazoo Association—West, \$55.75; Durant, \$70.00; Winona, \$59.35; Total, \$185.10.

Yalobusha Association—New Hope, \$2.65; Coffeeville, \$15.00; Mt. Paran, \$15.00; Total, \$32.65; Grand Total, \$856.66.

### THIS WILL INTEREST MANY

F. W. Parkhurst, the Boston publisher says that if anyone afflicted with rheumatism in any form, neuralgia or kidney trouble, will send their address to him at 701 Carney Bldg., Boston, Mass., he will direct them to a perfect cure. He has nothing to sell or give; only tells you how he was cured after years of search for relief. Hundreds have tested it with success.

Dear Y. W. A's:

I can never tell you now much you have gladdened the heart of your new leader with your sweet encouraging letters and splendid reports. A great number of our Y. W. A's are sending in reports each quarter, and in many cases nice letters, telling of delightful study courses, planning for the future and asking questions about the work. Three new auxiliaries have been reported during the week—Indianola, leader Mrs. H. L. Martin; Columbus First church, leader Miss E. K. Side; Meridian Forty-First Ave. church, leader Mrs. M. W. Stone.

Many new members have been enrolled and letters asking for information about organization. A nice time to grow this beautiful spring time, is it not?

I hope that we will have room to publish our Southern Baptist Con-

Meridian, Miss., Apr. 24, 1912.

My dear Miss Bankston:

We have a dear band of young women and each one is to be



vention report in full. The summary is as follows:

Foreign Missions (medical missions) \$ 365.55  
 Home Missions (mountain schools) 201.10  
 Training School Pupil 117.50  
 Training School Support 75.50

Total \$ 759.71

We feel so thankful for such a splendid showing and for having met all apportionments, but let us resolve now to do greater things for the Master in the year that lies out before us. In sending reports, please be careful to date them, stating period of time they cover, and, also in sending money to Dr. Rowe, always state the object for which it is sent. The next work of our Y. W. A. is our apportionment for Training School Pupil and many write that they are nearly ready to send in their money. Do not let us fall behind in this, as nothing is of more importance than the training of our young women as missionaries. Miss Elizabeth Keithley, a noble girl who is doing mountain school work now, has been chosen as our training school girl and others are applying to us for help. If we would all do our share we might be able to send two girls next session. I feel that I must let you enjoy with me an extract from a letter written by one of our young women. The work being done by this Y. W. A. is as near the ideal as we have ever reached. Here we find them doing PERSONAL SERVICE WORK which, as you remember, was stressed especially at our last meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union at Jacksonville. Not only are these girls giving in a material way (for their financial report was splendid), but they are dedicating their minds and hearts and fresh young lives to the Master's service. God grant that the day be not far distant when our young womanhood will be content with giving to Him only their very best—themselves!

I ask your prayers and help and loving sympathy. Your leader, Marion Bankston.

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counted on. We had five new members last Monday, all young girls who, I feel sure, will prove good ones, too. We try to be well rounded and do a little in every field of labor. The first Monday of the month is our social meeting; the second, Miss Bullock, our city missionary is directing us in the study of personal work, using Torrey's "Personal Work" as a text book; the fourth is our regular missionary program. The second and fifth Mondays we have varied programs, sometimes studying Bible lessons and all of us developing more fully the mission topic for the month. At every meeting, except the social one we transact some business. One of the things that has helped in our work for our Master is our "Personal Service Report." This is given in weekly and each quarter a report is sent to our city union of Y. W. A's and also to the W. M. city union.

We report on following items: Visits to sick, visits to strangers, visits to bereaved, visits to church members, number spoken to individually about their soul's salvation, number aided materially.

Our girls would be glad of suggestions and help from you. Indeed, we would love to have you come to our city union the last Friday in June if it be possible.

May God richly bless you in the work with the girls over the State.

Sincerely,

Clara Halley Willis.

Sec'y Y. W. A.

15th Ave. Baptist church, Meridian.

It is announced that a New Mexico Baptist State Convention will be organized at Clovis on June 19th. We trust that this step will unify our brethren and that things will be quiet from this time on.

### Sunday School Paragraphs.

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Mr. A. W. Quin, Bogue Chitto, Miss., went to work last August to get a training class in every church in the county district in which he lives. We have already sent thirty-eight diplomas down there. Others are working on the first book yet. He has a large class taking the second book in the course.

Miss Rhoda Brown has taught two classes through the first book. Eighteen of the number received diplomas. She now has a class working on the second book. Many other young ladies in Mississippi ought to do as much for the teachers where they live.

We have delivered diplomas to large classes in Blue Mountain and Clarke Memorial College. Sixty-five received diplomas at Blue Mountain and thirty-two at Clarke College.

We hope to have the training school in each one of our Baptist training schools next year. Some of the schools will make it part of the regular college work.

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## NEWS IN THE CIRCLE

### MARTIN BALL

It was Sunday was a great day in the Wilona Sunday School. Our superintendent proposed that we have an evangelistic service, and everything was made to bend in that direction. The pastor made a ten-minute talk on the way to be saved. Eight boys and one girl came forward and confessed Christ as a personal Savior. The school numbered one hundred and seventy-nine in attendance.

The work at Goodman is in a prosperous condition. Pastor J. T. Ellis, who has served the church for many years, is much encouraged. The collection for foreign missions surpasses that for any previous year. \$12.00 was contributed at a recent collection for this object alone. But Pastor Ellis knows how to do things.

Pastor J. B. Quinn writes from Prentiss: "Have just finished our new Sunday School rooms. Yesterday was a great day with us—fine congregations, the conversion. We have a town of about six hundred white people, one-third of them enrolled in the Baptist Sunday School. Two other Sunday Schools in town. More people in the Sunday School yesterday than we have members of our church." Somebody is at work!

Brother Harry Lee, Spencer was set apart to the full work of the gospel ministry in Wilona, April 30. The presbytery was composed of J. J. Mayfield, of Durant, W. W. Muirhead, of McCarter, and Martin Ball, the last named preaching the sermon. This was done by order of the church at Coala.

May 5th the splendid new building of the First church, Jackson, Tenn., will be dedicated. The sermon will be preached by Dr. Geo. W. Truett of Dallas. Arthur Flake, Drs. R. M. Inlow, E. Y. Mullins, and others will deliver addresses the week succeeding. A great blessing is anticipated from the coming of these brethren.

Rev. J. L. Truett, of Texas, has recently closed one of the greatest meetings in the history of the church at Kingston, Okla. There were forty-five additions. The house would not hold the people. The church was greatly revived.

Pastor E. Stubblefield leaves the pastorate at Bascom, Louisiana, and accepts the work at Cisco, Texas. He is already on the new field and is hard at work.

Rev. J. D. Allen has been elected by the board of missions of the general convention of Texas as State missionary. His headquarters will be at Brownwood, Texas.

The Kentucky Baptist Workers' Assembly will meet at Dawson Springs, July 2. Splendid speakers will deliver addresses. Among the number, our own L. P. Leavell, of Oxford. A great time is anticipated.

The Western Recorder states that many of the students of the seminary spent two hours and thirty minutes recently listening to a harangue by Pastor Russell in defense of his pet theme, "Millennial Dawnism." He declared, "There is no hell." At this distance, it seems the time could have been more profitably spent.

April 14th at Pontotoc, Brother J. B. DeGarmo was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry. He comes to us from another denomination. He was converted to the Baptist faith by a meeting conducted by Evangelist T. T. Martin, held at Pontotoc about ten months ago. He will devote his life to evangelistic work with headquarters at Blue Mountain.

Rev. Wallace Wear has resigned the position as assistant pastor of the Twenty-Second and Walnut street church, Louisville, Ky., and accepts the pastorate of the Tabernacle church, same city. He is the newest pastor in Louisville.

The Kentucky State Board of Missions has employed Rev. R. A. Barnes as State evangelist, a position for which he is well qualified. He once occupied this same place.

Evangelist R. F. Tredway recently held a meeting at Evergreen, Louisiana, in which there were over twenty additions. In the number baptized was an old lady eighty-one years old. The church was happy.

Dr. A. C. Dixon, now pastor of Spurgeon's Tabernacle, becomes editor of the Sword and Trowel, which was founded by C. H. Spurgeon. Dr. Dixon is a splendid writer and will make the paper intensely interesting. Thomas Spurgeon is giving his time entirely to the orphanage.

Pastor Layton Maddox, of Mineral Wells, Texas, recently held a great meeting in his church. There were forty conversions and forty-three additions. That sounds right. D. R. Wade, of Oklahoma City, led the singing. They are invited to try it again September 1st.

Pastor W. E. Fendley says of his church in Meridian that the mountain top has been reached. For the first time in the history of the church all indebtedness has been met. The Sunday School is at high water mark, and congregations constantly increasing. Accessions coming in regularly.

Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, of Immanuel church, Nashville, Tenn., charmed the entire student body of the Seminary at Louisville, Ky., together with the professors, with his lectures and there is quite a demand for the Sunday School Board to put them in book form. Bethel College at Russellville has honored him with the degree of D. D.

All the Baptist churches in Fort Worth, Texas—eleven in number—are now in a co-operative meeting, conducted by the Home Board evangelists.

Great results will follow the consecrated efforts of our good evangelists.

Home Board Evangelist Raleigh Wright has just closed a great meeting at Bonham, Texas. There were over forty additions. The church was much strengthened.

The Temple and College avenue churches, Fort Worth, Texas, are to be united and form one church which will have considerable strength. A new location for a building will be secured at once.

The First church, Waxahatchie, Texas, gave recently \$2,000.00 to home and foreign missions. They expect to make it \$2,500.00. But who is surprised at that? Texas always does the big thing.

The First church, Alexandria, has elected Rev. R. M. Boone temporary pastor until a successor to Dr. Alexander can be procured. Dr. Boone will furnish news to the Baptist Standard.

Rev. W. J. Epting, who recently went from Ripley to Whitewright, Texas, has just closed a gracious meeting. He was assisted by Evangelist J. H. Dew, of Mo. There were fifty-one additions to the church. Evangelist Dew preaches the gospel and depends on the Holy Spirit to make it effective.

More than forty had united with the church at Conway, Arkansas, which is being conducted by Pastor J. J. Hurt. The meeting when last heard from was going on with increasing power.

Rev. R. A. Corhan has been elected general missionary of the Corpus Christi Association, Texas. This is a new association recently organized, twelve churches entering into the organization.

Dr. F. C. McConnell, First church, Waco, Texas, will speak each morning at 7 o'clock during the encampment at Palacios, Texas. What a treat for every one permitted to hear him!

Prof. B. G. Lowrey, of Amarillo, Texas, gives Dr. J. C. Hardy a cordial and enthusiastic welcome to the Texas brotherhood. His introduction in the Standard is exceedingly gracious. No man could want better.

Pastor N. S. Thomas, of Midland, Texas, has been called to the church at Rogers, Ark. He goes at once to his new work. He has lived in Arkansas before.

Dr. A. J. Roland, secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society, will speak before the Ministers' Conference of Philadelphia, May 6. His subject will be "Fifty Years a Minister."

The Word and Way, in speaking of the return of Prof. O. L. Stringfield from Lexington College, Missouri, to North Carolina, says: "Missouri is different. It lacks unanimity, but grows the finest mules in the world."

The First church, El Paso, Texas, has called Rev. J. F. Williams, of Jefferson City, Missouri. He is

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Whitewright, Texas, April 23, 1912. Last July we left the good old State of Mississippi and the good churches of Ripley, and Iuka, and came to Texas to become pastor of Whitewright church. Since we began here there has been ninety-two additions to the church; the prayer-meeting and Sunday School has doubled in attendance and we can truly say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name."

We closed last Sunday night one of the greatest revival meetings that it has ever been my privilege to attend. The pastor was assisted by Evangelist J. H. Dew, of Liberty, Mo. The gospel was preached with power and in the spirit of our Lord and the doctrines loved by Baptists because our Lord was their author, were preached in love and with much effect. There were fifty-one additions to the church during the meeting, there having been forty-one additions before, making a total of ninety-two additions. There have been very few granted letters of dismission, so the gain is almost a net gain of ninety-two members. I am of the opinion that if proper steps were taken that Mississippi could move Brother Dew to Mississippi as a state evangelist.

We are happy in our work here, but to a man raised in Mississippi his heart will go back, for the work there is dear to the preacher's heart. The Baptist Record is one of our very best papers, and under its new management it has taken on new attractions. May God richly bless the paper and the cause it seeks to advance. Fraternally, W. J. Epting.

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At a meeting of the Central Committee on last Tuesday our State President, Mrs. W. A. McComb was nominated for Vice-President of the W. M. U. from Mississippi. Her name will be presented as such on the floor of the Union at Oklahoma City.

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of the cause more at heart, and her thorough knowledge of the work is only exceeded by her zeal and enthusiasm.

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### Glad Greetings from the Home Mission Board.

B. D. Gray, Corresponding Sec'y.

In order to relieve the suspense of the brethren, I wired to editors, secretaries and vice-presidents that we would have some debt. After sending out this statement we found that two telegrams of importance were not included. Moreover, our treasurer had not completed the work of balancing his books. At the time he thought there would be some deficit. It gives me great pleasure to send herewith the final statement of receipts by states, which foots up a splendid total of \$366,050.51, an increase of \$32,516.08 over last year's receipts.

This gives us a balance of \$14,502 to the credit side of the ledger. It is a great achievement for which we are devoutly thankful to God and the brethren.

At seven p. m., April thirtieth, we lacked \$121,752.95 of equalling the receipts of the previous year, and as our expenses had been greater, it looked like a calamitous debt was inevitable, but by morning, the belated tokens of loyalty were in evidence. Great Texas was on hand with more than \$40,000 additional, poor, fool-weevil, flood-smitten Mississippi out of her tribulations rolled in \$13,000 more. North Carolina brought joy from the East with a further telegram for \$11,000, and old Virginia tried to keep pace with her last year's record by sending \$4,000. Nor was Arkansas to be left out, though drowned out by the floods, for at the very last she surprised us. Kentucky, and Tennessee and Alabama broke the suspense by their last telegrams, and Florida was at the wind up in good shape. From Louisiana, where thirteen parishes are submerged by the floods, came a testimonial of fidelity. Missouri and Maryland, working the systematic plan of benevolence, had given more regularly throughout the year, and therefore, were not in the last charge so notably. But South Carolina could not stay out of the fray, although she had been like a perennial stream throughout the year. New Mexico went a little beyond her apportionment, and Illinois from beyond the Ohio, gave fine proof of her co-operation; and Oklahoma, though limping somewhat, did not forget us, and is preparing to give us a great hospitality.

It is with rusted gifts that we are going to face the Master? D. we wish to say of the gifts of song "Lord; behold, here is thy gift, all rusted, for I never used it for thee."

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homa, though limping somewhat, did not forget us, and is preparing to give us a great hospitality.

It meant that over \$155,000 was sent in after seven o'clock, April 30th.

But we will talk about the suspense later. Let the thought of victory be uppermost now; yea, gratitude to God and the brotherhood. It means a new day and a glorious one for home missions and all the work of Southern Baptists.

We will talk about that at Oklahoma. Greetings and gratitude to all the brethren.

### HOME BOARD CASH RECEIPTS BY STATES FOR YEAR ENDING MAY, 1912.

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Arkansas	9,451.01
D. C.	2,975.41
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Georgia	45,722.84
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Louisiana	6,538.12
Maryland	8,898.27
Mississippi	28,126.46
Missouri	14,487.48
New Mexico	1,054.63
North Carolina	31,156.82
Oklahoma	3,561.08
South Carolina	21,468.89
Tennessee	21,861.14
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Oh, this "laying away" of personality. Surely the apostle James would be justified in changing the "gold and silver" in his criticism and thundering at us, "your personality is rusted, and the rust shall be a testimony against you."

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What shall the Master answer? Oh, young woman in the work of the church of Christ, how many of us have rendered honest stewardship? We sing so glibly, "Here, Lord, I give myself away," and mean little or nothing by it. Do we pray and work intelligently? Can we be depended upon for programs based on our knowledge of the needs and purposes of our work? Let us ask the Lord for a blessing on our individual qualifications as well as on our money.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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### THE KING AND HIS KINGDOM

Lk. 6:27-38; Rom. 13:8-10.

Lesson 6.

May 12.

#### The Law of Love.

Golden Text: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."—Romans 13:9.

This lesson continues the thoughts found in the Sermon on the Mount. We may think of the time and place as being the same as then. Matthew and Luke are the only two writers that dwell upon this discourse, but the spirit of the Lord's theme is felt in all His gospels and is shown forth in His life. Today's lesson is taken from Luke, with an additional passage on the same theme from Paul in the book of Romans.

This lesson gives us the heart of the gospel, and we should labor to get a good grasp on the passages composing the lesson. We must bear in mind that before the time of Christ the highest conception of dealings between men had been in giving and taking. Jesus introduced a new idea, namely, that the Christian ought to be lavish in giving himself to others. He does not keep a book account of His kindnesses. He gives where there is need. He does not ask whether the other man is a friend or an enemy; whether he is worthy or unworthy.

Let us study this lesson with the definite idea in mind of finding out what Jesus' idea of love is; then let us try as Christians to live up to it. What part of the Bible do we call "the law?"

What part of our Bible did Jesus have in use in His day?

Did Jesus take issue against the Bible in His teachings?

Against whom did He take issue in His teachings?

How did Jesus teach that one should act toward his enemies?

Should he do it on his own account or on theirs?

What would be the result if Christians did it?

What is the golden rule?

Why is it hard to live up to?

How can we help one another to do it?

Where does the greatest help come from?

How may we love our enemies?

Why should we expect God's blessing for merely doing the things we like to do?

Why did the disciples leave their work to follow Jesus?

What do you think of Peter because he asked what reward they would get?

What did Paul mean by being debtor to all men?

What made this a ruling motive in his life?

Why can one never cancel the obligation of love?

SEEK FURTHER ANSWERS

What is the great verse on love?

What is the great chapter on love?

What is the great epistle on love?

What is the first and great commandment?

What does it mean to love God with the mind?

What with the strength?

Do we love God as we do a dear friend?

How does one love one's self?

How can I love my neighbor as myself?

What is an unselfish friendship?

Read Luke 6:35 and tell what you think about "never despairing."

Can we altogether ignore rewards in our undertakings?

Have you ever said of some Christian endeavor, "It does no good?"

How did you justify yourself in saying it?

How is one to keep from wasting time if he does not pass judgment on the results of his work?

Why does a little man get only a little reward?

How may I fit myself to receive big rewards?

What is the greatest reward that a Christian may work for?

Read Romans 13:10 and tell if harm ever comes through love.

What about the loving mother and the spoiled boy?

North Mississippi Baptist Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention.

Martin Ball.

Many of us went to the Convention with fear and trembling. There were two reasons for this.

The first came from the change of the time of meeting. This was brought about by circumstances over which the executive committee had no control.

The other reason for uneasiness was produced by flood conditions in the Delta. Rumors were afloat that Indianola and the surrounding country were under water and if we would reach the railroad station we would have to be conveyed to our stopping places by a boat.

This caused many who had arranged to go to at once decline. A goodly number, however, pressed on. We were met at the station by a flood, but it was composed of the warm-hearted, genial, cultured pastor, Harry Leland Martin, and a swarm of his true and faithful members, who soon placed us in autos and had us spinning along the streets, while a cloud of dust followed. Each one was comfortably housed in "the best home in town." The weather was beautiful. Everybody was happy. Christian fellowship was bountiful.

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W. M. Garrard, of Indianola, superintendent of the Sunday School, was selected as President and Martin Ball secretary and treasurer. Dr. C. V. Edwards, of Greenwood, discussed the objects of the Convention. Showing the necessity to take stock of what we have as churches and what we are doing with them. Get all the facts before us. How many Sunday Schools in the Convention? What the condition of these schools is. Lay plans whereby we can get the facts. How to meet these conditions as we may find them out with the best possible efficiency. To hear the men and women who are devoting their time in finding out the methods and plans, facts and conditions of the interests involved. A clearing house of ideas. Another object is Bible exposition and inspiration. Let the work of the Convention center around the Book. Learn how to teach the Bible and how to teach the whole Bible. The elbow touch and inspiration that come from these conventions are exceedingly helpful. We long for fellowship.

Our State secretary, J. E. Byrd, told us of the needs of the Sunday School in the church and of the place it should occupy. Where the responsibility should be placed. Some brethren said the responsibility should rest on the church; others said on the pastor, the teachers, and the superintendent. We need leaders who know how to get results—men and women who stay out of the dumps, who never get discouraged, who have faith in themselves, their people and their God.

Pastor Martin gave the Convention a cordial welcome to the church and the homes and drew us all to him by his words of happy greeting. The annual sermon was preached by Dr. L. E. Barton, of West Point. His text was John 17:18. The subject, "The Mission of the Church." The mission of the church is the mission of Christ. To obey, to teach, to suffer. The preacher delivered the message with ease and grace. At its conclusion many thought we had reached the climax of the Convention. The large audience went home charmed with the beautiful strong gospel that had been presented.

It was raining Wednesday morning, but the previous day had been so enjoyable no one felt like missing

the proceedings. A sweet half-hour of song, prayer and Scripture reading led by Pastor A. H. Mahaffey, of Ackerman, was comforting and truly enjoyable. Field Secretary, L. P. Leavell, led off with his subject, "Previews and Reviews." He told the Convention how to lay plans for the study of the life of Christ. To get first of all a general outline of His life fixed in the mind and then go into the particulars. We had burning hearts and longing desires to become better teachers—and more helpful in every way to our people. The Convention got up on the mountain top of enthusiasm and interest in the great work in which we are engaged. Pastor Martin and his splendid choir rendered some excellent anthems and choruses.

Hon. T. E. Mortimer, prosecuting attorney, addressed the Convention and told us how to conserve and to utilize all our forces. He showed as much skill and ease addressing the Convention as he does talking to a jury of twelve men and he seems at home there.

It would not be right to close this cursory report without mentioning the admirable address of our beloved Brother J. W. Lee, of Batesville. His subject was "Doctrinal Teaching in the Sunday School." The entire Convention was charmed with the delicate but strong and forceful way in which he managed this important subject. He said the things that should have been said in the proper way, presenting the phases of gospel teaching that should never be left out. His spirit was beautiful, his diction was elegant, and points well chosen.

Dr. W. T. Lowrey was to have spoken, but was not present. The Convention gave the time to Rev. J. N. McMillin, of Jackson, to represent the hospital work at Jackson. This he did well. Fine impressions were made for this phase of the State Convention work.

Miss Lona Miley, of Newton, made an interesting talk on elementary work and sang a beautiful solo. The Board has certainly shown its wisdom in placing her in the field.

The B. Y. P. U. work was presented by brethren Leavell and H. L. Watts, of Winona. Brother Watts is an expert. He knows how to do the work and does it, and he knows how to show others the necessary things.

While the attendance was not as large as usual, the interest, inspiration and information was deep and broad. We were sorry for every pastor and teacher and superintendent who was not there.

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Editor Record:

Several weeks ago a woman giving the name of Mrs. Lizzie Stephens, and having cards which represented her as a solicitor for a resale home and training school located at Meridian, was in Mathiston. She represented herself as the wife of an old Baptist preacher, and that her husband was superintendent of the said home and training school. She had affidavits presumably made before a notary public in Meridian as to who she was. Also endorsements from some of our Baptist pastors. While here she agreed to take certain children whom she considered fit objects for the home, and on the strength of this promise, was successful in making a good collection in Mathiston. She left here saying that she would write back as to when the children should be sent. Hearing nothing from her, inquiry has been made and no such institution is found to exist in Meridian. A letter written to her at the address given has been returned undelivered. A letter was written to one of the ministers whose endorsement she had and he writes that he had given it, but knew nothing of her or the institution except what she had told him, and had evidently been imposed upon.

Knowing that other places have been worked as this one was, and thinking that our people should be warned, I have written this article.  
Lowell B. Trotter.

Lula Young Hays.

On April 4th, loving hands and devoted friends sorrowfully committed to the tomb the frail and emaciated body of beautiful Lula Young Hays—beautiful of face and lovely of character, the fond wife of Paschal D. Hays. She was born July 21, 1872, and at the tender age of twelve years united with the Union Baptist church. It is not surprising that her life was so early dedicated to God when it is known that she was the daughter of A. F. and L. J. Young and the granddaughter of Elder C. B. Young, of blessed memory.

On the 8th day of October, 1902 she was led to the marriage altar by P. D. Hays, the prosperous and worthy owner of "Edgewood" where a most happy married life was spent until the withering blight of the "great white plague" fell upon her. All that ample means could procure was provided, but to no avail, and in the early morning hours of April 4th, she "fell asleep." She faced death like the heroine she had lived—calmly, uncomplainingly. She dis-

cussed the matter of death with her loved ones, and the details of her burial with the same calm matter-of-fact way that she would have an earthly journey. She had lived a life that conquers death. She is survived by her widowed mother, Mrs. L. J. Young, and two devoted sisters, Mrs. Jno. L. Brewton, of Sardis, and Mrs. L. L. Vann, of Centerville, Ala., and by her heart-broken husband, Paschal D. Hays.

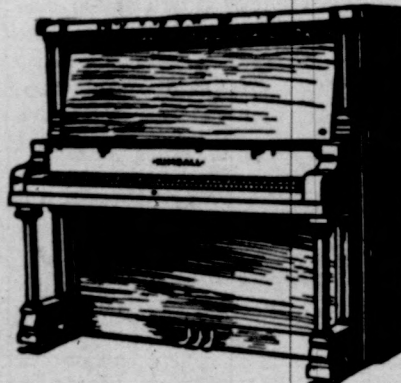
God never gave to earth a sweeter and gentler spirit than Lula Hays. May her stricken husband find joy and comfort in serving the God that she so faithfully served. Her example of patience in suffering cannot be lost but will cheer many a friend who witnessed her brave fight.  
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### The Plastic Period of Boys.

Give to the boy considerate thought for he is that product that is being shaped into manhood and citizenship; he is that positive force for good that is being transformed into leadership and higher usefulness. Today he is susceptible to every influence that touches him from whatever source; but tomorrow he will be an invincible character with ideas to execute and propensities of his own.

It is at this critical period that his better qualities can be made to predominate and his perverse impulses to be quelled forever. His mind is exceedingly plastic and his sensibilities doubly responsive; he yields to every impression to which at some later stage he will give expression. The impressions that today he is receiving from you and me are deepening into his own life to be classified and reproduced as his own individuality.

Then consider the gravity of coming in contact with this boy. Your thoughts, deeds, very life are woven into the delicate fabrics of this boy's life. Yet we—responsible for all the boy is or will be—(his innate nature only excluded)—spurn him if he does not conform to our ideal of manhood. His every incorrigible expression can be traced to an invidious impression; he is the reflector that is sending back to us the effulgent light and hope which are



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We should avail ourselves of every opportunity of drawing near unto our boys that we may instill into their lives greater lessons and deeper inspirations. If we do this and find that there is no perceptible development of morals and manhood, then we may lament our failure in finding the point of contact and our lost opportunity of developing a worthy man.

The boy is a miniature man whose sensitive nature is screwed to the highest tension. Treat him kindly and his whole being will respond with heartiest appreciation; treat him scathingly and he will retain a repugnant spirit toward you till the day of judgment.

As you constantly walk with this boy, artfully impart these great ideas to him: That he is an immature man, capable of doing good; that tomorrow he will be the propelling power that rolls the wheels of progress; that his possibilities are limited only by his resources of mind and spirit; and that by diligently applying

himself to every progressive cause, he shall at last attain to that distinction of honor and usefulness—the characteristics of a true man.  
—Ex.

Shedding tears over what you think you have done for your church or what you try to make others think you have done, only emphasizes that which you have not done. Cut out the crying and whining long enough to do something to brag about! What the church needs today is men and women—real MEN and WOMEN—not babies!

Did you ever stop to consider how REAL life is? There are many people who think but lightly of the seriousness of life, and neglect to grasp the golden opportunities that are ever presenting themselves. Would that we possessed the spirit of those immortal words of Bryant: "So live each day that when thy summons comes to join the innumerable caravan that moves to that mysterious realm where each shall take his chamber in the silent halls of death, thou go not as the quarry slave at night, scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust. Approach thy grave like one who wraps the draperies of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams."